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**Testimony to the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee**

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**BILL NUMBER:** SB 128, Opportunity Tax Credit

**PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL:** Opponent

**WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY:**

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to share my opposition to bill SB 128.

Our education system is a bedrock, the foundation upon which every child can grow into a productive member of society. Every child deserves that educational opportunity, and passing SB 128 will deny that to the future children of Kansas. Our public schools will accept any student, regardless of disability, ethnicity, culture, or religious affiliation. Public education provides accommodations to children like my son Kelvin, aged 12, who has a reading delay and ADHD, while a private school wouldn't have any obligation to meet his special needs. This bill also provides no oversight, to ensure the funds would even be spent on education for the designated students; so the approximately 300 million dollars that may be taken from the children of Kansas doesn't even have to be spent on educating any students.

This is designed to deplete our schools of funds and put lower - and middle class children at an even bigger economic disadvantage as they become adults.

Please listen to the constituents of Kansas and vote no on SB 128.

Thank you for your consideration.

LeAnna Herrmann, RN

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